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**Review of Mali**

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**Intervention by Ukraine**

**Mr. President,**

 Ukraine welcomes the delegation of Mali and thanks for the presentation of National report.

The recent efforts by Mali to strengthen its national human rights framework are noteworthy. Among them are the adoption in 2016 of the national policy on human rights and the national policy on transitional justice, both accompanied by a relevant plan of action, and the establishment last year of the Ministry of Human Rights and State Reform.

At the same time the negative impact of the multidimensional crisis on the human rights situation in Mali is evident. We strongly encourage the Government to continue implementing, with the support of the international community, the Agreement on Peace and Reconciliation in Mali resulting from the Algiers Process.

Our **recommendations**:

to ensure that the perpetrators of serious violations of human rights and international humanitarian law are held accountable;

to continue bringing the national legislation in line with the international human rights standards;

to issue an open standing invitation to the special procedures of the Human Rights Council.

**Thank you.**